



NATURE PRESERVES/NATURAL RESOURCES VOLUNTEER ROLES

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Contact VolunteerServices@MeckNC.gov to get involved!

- **Animal Care**
 - Basic Animal Care (daily) (can be 14+)
 - Water change and/or mist
 - Remove old food & waste
 - Advanced Animal care (1-3 times/week) (must be 18, or have been a prior Basic AC Volunteer for 1 year)
 - Water change, mist, remove old food & waste
 - Animal diet preparation
 - Animal feeding
 - Deep cleaning tanks
- **Visitor Services** (must be 18)
 - Greeting visitors
 - Collecting surveys
 - Maintaining nature center exhibits
 - Maintain loaner program items (fishing poles, backpacks, etc)
- **Administrative** (must be 18)
 - Answer phones/greet visitors during staff meetings
 - Print flyers, make copies
- **Grounds** (can be under 18 with accompanying parent/guardian)
 - Walking trails to remove trash
 - Maintain outdoor play area
 - Maintain gardens
 - Maintain compost bins
 - Refill/clean bird feeders
 - Check/refill kiosks
- **Docent** (*weekends & special events*) (must be 18)
 - Trained in animal handling and interpretation
 - Impromptu interpretation in & around nature center
 - Campground visits
 - Campfire programs
 - Special events
 - PR tables
- **Docent** (*weekdays*) (must be 18)
 - Trained in animal handling, school curriculum and interpretation
 - Campground visits
 - Assistance with:
 - School programming at nature center
 - Campfire programs
 - Special events
 - PR tables

- **Citizen Science** (must be 18)
 - Garden monitor
 - Record data
 - Identify butterfly/bird species visiting garden
 - Maintain garden as needed
 - CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network) monitor
 - Trail camera monitor
 - Must be able to hike to remote locations
 - Transfer images to hand held device
 - Reset cameras as needed
 - Nest box monitor
 - Monitor a series of nest boxes at one or more park properties as assigned.
 - Monitor boxes weekly during bird breeding season.
 - Complete a NestWatch Mobile App data sheet for each box, or an actual paper data sheet that will be entered on-line later.
 - Maintain the nest boxes by cleaning and repairing them as needed.
 - Report missing boxes, intruders, and vandalism, etc.
 - Provide educational information about your activities to others when in the field, as needed.
 - The majority of time donated will be during bird breeding season in the spring and early summer. This is generally between early March and the end of June. During the breeding season the job requires visiting each nest box every week, recording observations, and taking appropriate action such as removing old nests or reporting the presence of bees.